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California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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Attn: Zaffar Eusuff

SUPPORT FOR DWR'S FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2014 DROUGHT GRANTS

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (Rincon Water) strongly supports the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) funding recommendations for the 2014 Drought Grant awards, including a \$15,074,938 award to the San Diego Funding Area. DWR's recommended award will provide \$600,927 for the "Conservation on Demand – Advanced Metering Infrastructure Facilitated Conservation" to be implemented by Rincon Water. We are pleased by the State's recognition of the importance of grants for demand management measures at a time when California is battling a statewide Drought Emergency.

This State funding is vital to the timely expansion of water conservation programs throughout a region that includes California's second largest city. The recommended grant award will support the expansion of the various San Diego County Water Authority conservation programs, such as WaterSmart Landscape Efficiency, Turf Replacement, and Landscape Makeover Workshops, as well as variety of regional projects and initiatives, such as the groundwater desalination for Sweetwater Authority, Fallbrook Nurseries Recycled Water Distribution System, Carlsbad Recycled Water Plant Expansion, and Regional Emergency Storage and Conveyance System Optimization. Rincon Water's and these other projects are projected to provide over **12,000 AFY** of new water produced or potable water saved, a significant amount of water given today's drought, and definitely an excellent return on the dollars invested.

We look forward to the Department's finalization of its 2014 Drought Grants. Without this vital State funding, the aforementioned programs would not be possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Thomas
General Manager